

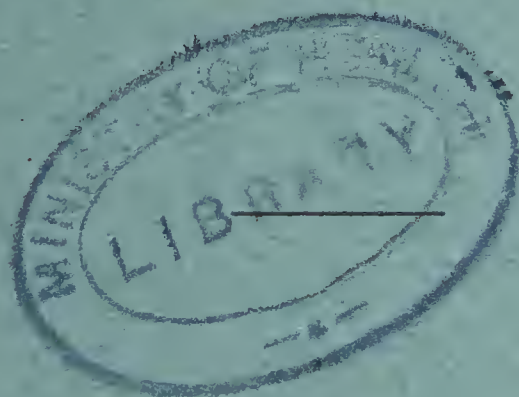
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**URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
HUYTON-WITH-ROBY**

Annual Report

of the

Medical Officer of Health

**Including the Report of the
SANITARY INSPECTOR**



For the Year

1954

HUYTON-WITH-ROBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1954

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URBAN DISTRICT OF HUYTON-WITH-ROBY
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR 1954.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.
LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report on the health of Huyton-with-Roby for the year 1954, and I am happy to report that this compares very favourably with that of previous years.

The birth rate at 19.2 per 1,000 estimated population showed little change compared with 1953, but was still appreciably higher than the rate for England and Wales which was 15.2.

The adjusted death rate at 11.9 per 1,000 estimated population compares favourably with the rate for England and Wales, which was 11.3.

The infant mortality rate was 29 per 1,000 live births and showed a marked decrease compared with the previous year, when the rate was 39. This mortality rate is the lowest yet achieved since the expansion of the district into the present township.

I am happy to report that no maternal death occurred during the year under review.

The incidence of infectious disease was much lower than the previous year due to a decrease in whooping cough and scarlet fever, although there was a slight increase in measles, 728 cases being notified, compared with 672 cases in 1953.

Six cases of diphtheria were notified during the year compared with fifteen during the previous year. Only one case had been immunised, and four of the cases were all members of the same family.

No case of poliomyelitis was notified during the year, but a death from the disease was assigned to the district of a person normally domiciled here, but who was at that time living in another district.

The incidence of respiratory tuberculosis showed a slight reduction, fewer cases being notified amongst females. During the year a very close liason was maintained with the Local Chest Clinic.

In conclusion I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Health Committee for their support and encouragement during the year, and to the officials of the Council, in particular to Mr. Colin Cooper, Chief Sanitary Inspector, for their assistance at all times.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

F. W. BUNTING,

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area, in Acres	.....	3,054
Population—Census, 1951	.....	55,783
Registrar General's Estimate of resident population, mid 1954	.....	57,730
Number of Inhabited Houses end of 1954, according to Rate Books	.....	14,587
Rateable Value	.....	£273,455
Sum represented by Penny Rate	.....	£1,037

VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births—	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	1076	558	518
Illegitimate	45	31	14
	<u>1121</u>	<u>589</u>	<u>532</u>

Birth rate per 1,000 population mid 1954—19.4

Stillbirths—	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	27	16	11
Illegitimate	1	1	—
	<u>28</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>11</u>

Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births—24

Deaths	Total	M.	F.
.....	420	221	199

Death rate per 1,000 estimated population—7.2

Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 total births—Nil

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age—	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	28	14	14
Illegitimate	4	1	3
Total	<u>32</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>17</u>

Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age :—

	Total	M.	F.
Legitimate	22	11	11
Illegitimate	4	1	3
	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>14</u>

Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 live births—29

CAUSE OF DEATHS IN THE URBAN DISTRICT, 1954

Causes of Death					Male	Female
1	Tuberculosis Respiratory	.....	.....	.....	4	7
2	Tuberculosis other forms	.....	.....	.....	—	1
3	Syphilitic Diseases	.....	.....	.....	—	—
4	Diphtheria	.....	.....	.....	—	—
5	Whooping Cough	.....	.....	.....	—	—
6	Meningococcal infections	.....	.....	.....	—	1
7	Acute poliomyelitis	.....	.....	.....	1	—
8	Measles	.....	.....	.....	—	—
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	.....	.....	.....	—	1
10	Malignant neoplasm of stomach	.....	.....	.....	8	10
11	Malignant neoplasm of lung and bronchus	.....	.....	.....	17	4
12	Malignant neoplasm of breast	.....	.....	.....	—	4
13	Malignant neoplasm of uterus	.....	.....	.....	—	7
14	Malignant neoplasm of all other sites	.....	.....	.....	16	10
15	Leukæmia and Aleukæmia	.....	.....	.....	—	—
16	Diabetes	.....	.....	.....	—	1
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	.....	.....	.....	24	27
18	Coronary disease, Angina	.....	.....	.....	41	14
19	Hypertension with heart disease	.....	.....	.....	8	9
20	Other heart disease	.....	.....	.....	25	35
21	Other circulatory disease	.....	.....	.....	4	7
22	Influenza	.....	.....	.....	—	—
23	Pneumonia	.....	.....	.....	14	5
24	Bronchitis	.....	.....	.....	13	1
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	.....	.....	.....	4	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	.....	.....	.....	1	1
27	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhœa	.....	.....	.....	—	3
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis	.....	.....	.....	2	2
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	.....	.....	.....	1	—
30	Pregnancy childbirth abortion	.....	.....	.....	—	—
31	Congenital malformations	.....	.....	.....	3	4
32	Other defined and ill defined diseases	.....	.....	.....	22	40
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	.....	.....	.....	2	1
34	All other accidents	.....	.....	.....	8	3
35	Suicide	.....	.....	.....	3	—
36	Homicide and operations of war	.....	.....	.....	—	—
Totals					221	199

The following table summarises the Vital Statistics of the Urban District for the five year period 1949—1954.

Year	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality		
	No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. Regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. of deaths regis- tered	Rate per 1,000 live births	Rate per 1,000 live births
1954	1121	19.2	420	7.3	28	24	—	—	~~32~~ 26	29	23
1953	1121	19.5	413	7.2	33	29	—	—	44	39	25
1952	1003	17.7	400	7.1	28	27	1	0.97	32	32	20
1951	988	17.5	444	7.9	30	29	—	—	35	35	22
1950	1051	18.9	456	8.2	34	31	1	0.92	35	33	11
1949	1124	20.6	437	8.0	21	18	1	0.87	59	52	—
Ave. 5 years 1949—1953	—	18.84	—	7.68	—	26.8	—	0.92	—	38.2	19.5

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during 1954.

	Total Cases	0	1	3	5	10	15	25	45	65	age UK
Scarlet Fever	22	—	1	6	13	1	—	1	—	—	—
Diphtheria	6	—	1	2	1	—	2	—	—	—	—
Measles	728	33	190	194	295	4	3	1	—	—	8
Whooping Cough ..	109	10	37	32	29	1	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia	20	6	2	3	4	—	—	—	4	1	—
Dysentery	35	2	13	11	5	1	—	1	2	—	—
Erysipelas	9	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	5	1	1
Food Poisoning ...	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—

SCARLET FEVER :—

Twenty two cases were notified during the year. The number of cases notified during the preceding five years were as follows :—

1949—100 ; 1950—69 ; 1951—31 ; 1952—124 ; 1953—39.

Four cases were removed to hospital and the other eighteen cases were isolated at home. In the main the cases where of a mild type.

DIPHTHERIA—

Six cases were notified during the year compared with fifteen cases in 1953, four of the cases being members of one family. Only one case had been immunised. There are no deaths to report.

The following table gives the incidence of this disease during the past fifteen years.

YEAR	No. of cases	No. of deaths	Year	No. of cases	No. of deaths
1939	174	5	1946	50	3
1940	168	7	1947	43	1
1941	409	20	1948	28	—
1942	202	5	1949	8	1
1943	110	5	1950	3	—
1944	77	1	1951	4	1
1945	52	1	1952	6	1
			1953	15	2

SHIGELLA SONNE DYSENTERY—

Thirty five cases were notified during the year. These were accounted for mainly by outbreaks at the three Day Nurseries in the district. All cases were investigated and followed up. During the course of the year two hundred faeces specimens were submitted to the bacteriological laboratories.

TUBERCULOSIS—

The number of cases and deaths during the year are as follows :—

Age Groups	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	1
5	2	6	2	2	—	—	—	—
15	12	23	—	1	—	—	—	—
25	8	10	1	—	—	3	—	—
35	5	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
45	9	2	—	—	2	1	—	—
55	8	2	—	—	1	2	—	—
65 and over	2	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	47	47	3	4	4	7	—	1

The following table gives the incidence of tuberculosis during the last eight years. :—

Year	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non.-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1946	45	34	7	10	18	10	5	3
1947	33	35	9	6	18	19	2	3
1948	33	31	13	10	15	15	4	5
1949	32	34	9	11	17	17	4	1
1950	36	39	7	4	20	10	4	1
1951	39	45	7	9	11	11	3	—
1952	61	51	6	8	8	6	—	—
1953	47	70	2	2	9	6	—	1

It will be seen that the number of new cases of respiratory tuberculosis amongst males remained the same as during the previous year, but a marked reduction in notifications occurred amongst females. The notification of respiratory tuberculosis still remains high, an experience shared with many areas. The explanation may well be that as a result of detailed investigations carried out by Chest Clinics, Mass Radiography Units and diligent supervision and investigation of contacts, cases have been brought to light which previously might not have been notified.

Deaths from the disease have again shown a decrease.

POPULATION—

The population returns since 1914 are given below :—

Year	Population	No of inhabited houses
1914	4,559	—
1924	5,315	1,048
1934	8,077	2,850
1944	43,520	11,912
1954	57,730	14,587

The following statistics for the years 1924, 1934 and 1944 are shown together with comparable data relating to the year under review :—

	1954	1944	1934	1924
Estimated population	57,730	43,520	8,077	5,315
Birth rate per 1,000 population	19.4	23.4	19.8	15.0
Crude death rate per 1,000 population	7.3	8.5	11.3	8.8
Infant mortality per 1,000 births	29	52	43	112
Maternal mortality per 1,000 births	nil	0.85	nil	nil
Deaths from Measles	nil	1	nil	nil
„ „ Diphtheria	nil	1	1	nil
„ „ Whooping Cough	nil	1	2	nil
„ „ Scarlet Fever	nil	nil	nil	nil
„ „ Respiratory tuberculosis	11	23	2	1
„ „ Tuberculosis (other forms)	1	2	nil	1
Death rate from Cancer per 1,000 population	1.32	1.12	2.59	.94

DETAILS OF DEATHS DUE TO ACCIDENTS DURING 1954 —

The following is a summary of deaths due to accidents which occurred during 1954, indicating the ages of the deceases. Two of these occurred outside of the district.

Cause of death	Over 1 year	1-5	5-15	15-45	45-65	65 & over	Total
Road traffic accidents	—	—	1	1	—	1	3
Falls	—	—	—	1	1	4	6
Drowning	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Asphyxia	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Industrial accidents	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Other causes	—	—	—	2	—	—	2

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY—

The Water Supply for the District is obtained from the Corporation of Liverpool, and is satisfactory both in quality and in quantity. Water is supplied from public mains as follows :—

- (a) Direct to dwellings houses :—14,586, dwelling houses.
- (b) By means of stand pipe :—none.

Water is supplied from a private supply in one case i.e., shallow well, and serving one dwelling house.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The greater part of the district is served by disposal works employing sedimentation tanks, percolating filters, and sludge digestion plant. D.W.F. $1\frac{1}{4}$ million gallons per day.

Work on new extension to sewage works is well in hand and due for completion within the next 12 months.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION :

Privy Middens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	nil
No. of closets attached to these middens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	nil
No. of pail closets	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
No. of movable ash bins	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15,500
No. of houses on water carriage system	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,581

HOUSING

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR 1954:

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

	Houses	Flats
(i) By the Local Authority	152	20
(ii) By other Local Authorities	12	—
(iii) By other Bodies or persons	314	—

1. *Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—*

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|-----|-----|--|------|
| (1) | (a) | Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) | 2620 |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | 3292 |
| (2) | (a) | Number of dwelling-houses (including under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 | — |
| | (b) | Number of inspections made for the purpose | — |
| (3) | | Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation | — |

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	316
 <i>2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :</i>	
Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	223
 <i>3. Action under statutory powers during the year :</i>	
(a) Proceedings under sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	—
(b) By local authority in default of owners	—
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	21
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	15
(b) By local authority in default of owners	—
(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	—
(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :	
(1) Number of separate tenements or under-ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
(2) Number of separate tenements or under-ground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in Respect of the Year 1954 for the Urban District of Huyton-with-Roby in the County of Lancaster.

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Insp'tions	Written notices	Occupiers prose'ted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	8	17	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22	43	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority* (excluding out-workers' premises)	2	5	—	—
Total	32	65	—	—

2.—Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecution were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)	—	—	—	—	—
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	—	—	—
Total	3	3	—	—	—

* i.e., Electrical Stations (Section 103(1), Institutions (Section 104) and Sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c):—
Nature of Work.—Making, etc. of Wearing apparel—8.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1954.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
14, WESTMORLAND ROAD,
HUYTON.

May, 1955.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have again to report that the work of the Sanitary Department has proceeded satisfactorily during the past year.

During the year under review the 1954 Census figures for the County of Lancaster were officially declared, and as a result this Council became the Food and Drugs Authority and Shops Act Authority, for this area.

Housing conditions generally are satisfactory. The Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 has not caused any undue activity in the district, two Certificates of Disrepair only having been applied for. On the other hand we are somewhat disappointed and find ourselves still unable to make the full use of the Housing Act, 1936, Section 9 especially in the case of some of our "not so old" property as we had anticipated.

We have continued in our efforts to give every attention to food premises.

I should like to thank the members of the Staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

Yours obediently,

C. COOPER.

CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR.

SUMMARY OF WORK OF THE SANITARY INSPECTORS

COMPLAINTS—

Complaints have been received and investigated as shown below :

<i>Defects</i>	<i>Number</i>
Drainage	124
Refuse accommodation	59
Housing	242
Rat nuisance	342
General nuisance	134
Total	901

NOTICES SERVED—

Preliminary Notices	468
Statutory Notices	29

COUNCIL HOUSE INSPECTION :

House to house inspection of Council Houses has been carried out during the year by the Sanitary Inspectors. 1,703 visits having been made for this purpose.

DISINFECTION AFTER INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Thirty-nine premises have been disinfected during the year.

DISINFESTATION.

Four Council houses and five private houses were found to be bug infested and disinfestation was carried out by the department.

During the year 25 private houses were also treated for cockroach infestation, the occupiers paying the cost of the work.

DRAINAGE.

During the year 65 drains were unstopped and 50 were inspected and smoke tested by the department.

INTERVIEWS.

During the year the Sanitary Inspectors have had 269 interviews with landlords and/or contractors.

PROSECUTIONS.

Four prosecutions under Section 154 of the Public Health Act, 1936 were undertaken during the year. Convictions obtained in all cases.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTORS' VISITS.

Bakehouses	31
Factories and Workshops	65
Dairies	31
Butcher's shops and other food premises	893
Investigation of Infectious Diseases	432
Investigation of Public Health Nuisances	4425
Pig Styes	31
Shops Act, 1950	562
Rodent Investigations	109
Drainage	543
Refuse Accommodation	86
Miscellaneous.....	470
	7678

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS ABATED.

HOUSES—

Roofs	38
Walls	5
Gutters and downspouts	86
Chimney stacks	12
Dampness	43
Walls and ceilings	41
Floors	27
Doors and windows	33
Fireplaces	16
Sink waste pipes	19
Yards and passages	43
Repairs to water supply	68

DRAINAGE—

Drains choked	154
Drainage defective	25
Soil pipes and vent shafts	6
Inspection chambers	3

WATER CLOSETS—

W.C. basins	11
Repairs to W.C. compartments	2
W.C. cisterns	13

REFUSE BINS—

New bins provided	70
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Offensive accumulations	6
Dirty premises	27

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

All milk for the district comes from large producers outside the area, and is delivered to dairy premises within the district in sealed bottles.

At the end of the year there were registered :—

- 15 Distributors of milk
- 14 Distributors of milk in sealed bottles only from shops
- 3 Premises as dairies.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1949.

The following licences were granted during the year under these regulations :—

Dealer's Licences Authorising the use of the Special Designation " STERILISED "	.....	.....	.....	11
Dealer's Licences Authorising the use of the Special Designation " PASTEURISED "	.....	.....	.....	10
Dealer's Licences Authorising the use of the Special Designation " TUBERCULIN TESTED "	.....	.....	.....	9
Supplementary Licences Authorising the use of the Special Designation " STERILISED "	.....	.....	.....	5
Supplementary Licences Authorising the use of the Special Designation " PASTEURISED "	.....	.....	.....	10
Supplementary Licences Authorising the use of the Special Designation " TUBERCULIN TESTED "	.....	.....	.....	9

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

The following table gives the results of routine examination of milk samples taken in the district :—

	No. of Samples	Results
PASTEURISED MILK.		
Phosphates test	67	All satisfactory
Methylene blue reduction test	67	„
STERILIZED MILK.		
Turbidity	24	„

ICE CREAM.

There are 47 premises within the district from which Ice Cream is sold. Forty-five are dealers only, and two are manufacturing dealers. Of the latter one is making a hot mix, and the other uses the complete cold mix powder. Premises are frequently inspected and all operations regularly scrutinised. Conditions are satisfactory on all these premises.

There are 7 vendors of ice cream registered under the Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951.

During the year 108 samples were taken and submitted for the methylene blue test with the following results :—

Grade 1	.....	77
Grade 2	.....	25
Grade 3	.....	4
Grade 4	.....	2

OTHER FOOD PREMISES.

All premises where food is sold or prepared for sale are regularly inspected. Their condition is generally good.

The following is a summary of the inspections :—

Bakehouses	.....	31
Restaurants	.....	58
Dairies	.....	31
Ice Cream premises	.....	122
Butchers' shops	.....	146
Fishmongers	.....	28
Licenced premises	.....	17
Grocers' Shops	.....	233
Greengrocers	.....	95
Fried fish Shops	.....	48
Confectioners, General stores, etc.	.....	103
Hawkers	.....	49
		961

Ten notices were served during the year, under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, and all were complied with.

There were no prosecutions during the year.

SCHOOL MEALS KITCHENS.

There are three schools meals kitchen in the district and these are regularly inspected and have been found satisfactory on all occasions.

CANTEENS.

The various works canteens are also regularly inspected and these were found to be satisfactory.

HAWKERS.

Food hawkers are required to be registered under the Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951, Section 14.

At the end of the year 16 persons and 8 premises were registered under this section.

There was one prosecution during the year in the case of an unregistered trader, and a conviction was obtained.

UN SOUND FOOD.

The following articles of food were, on inspection, found to be unfit for human consumption, and were voluntarily surrendered :—

Fish	19 tins
Milk	88 tins
Meat Products	89 tins
Fruit	147 tins
Vegetables	125 tins
Jams and Marmalade	31 tins
Sauce	12 bottles
Bacon	37½ lbs.
Soups	11 tins
Ham	29½ lbs.
Cheese.....	5 packets
Pickles	1 bottle
Meat	15 lbs.
Cereal	7 lbs.
Flour	1 lb.
Chocolate	163 lbs.
Dried Fruit	18 lbs.
Syrup	12 tins

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938/50—FOOD SAMPLING.

In May of the year under review, this Local Authority became the responsible Food and Drugs Authority for the area.

The following statement shows the number of samples taken, and the results received from the Analyst :—

Sample	No. of Samples	Genuine	Not Genuine	Remarks.
Milk	57	55	2	10 per cent. added water.
Butter	1	1	—	
Margarine	1	1	—	
Cooking Fat	3	3	—	
Castor Oil	1	1	—	
Syrup	1	1	—	
Tapioca	3	3	—	
Custard Powder	1	1	—	
Sausage	2	2	—	
Mincemeat	1	1	—	
Cheese.....	1	1	—	
Lemon Cheese	1	1	—	
Pearl Barley	1	1	—	
Cornflour	1	1	—	
Plum Pudding	1	1	—	
Dried Fruit	3	3	—	
Bacon	1	1	—	
Cocoa	1	1	—	
Pickles	1	1	—	
Self Raising Flour	1	1	—	
Rolled Oats	1	1	—	
Rice	1	1	—	
Haricot Beans	1	1	—	
Ground Rice	1	1	—	
Whiskey	4	4	—	
Non-alcoholic wine	1	1	—	

PROSECUTIONS.

Legal proceedings were taken in the case of the two non-genuine samples. Both samples were purchased from the same dealer. Conviction was obtained and the vendor was fined £5 and £4 18s. 0d. costs.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

During the period under review the Local Authority took over full responsibility for the above Act in the area. The number of inspections made by the Sanitary Inspectors during the year was 562. Seven informal notices were served and these were all complied with.

RODENT CONTROL.

The following is a summary of the work carried out during the year :—

	Rats	Mice
Total number of poison treatments carried out	187	48
The premises treated were in the following categories :—		
Private dwelling houses		206
Local Authority Premises		18
Business premises		11
Agricultural premises		—

Two sewer Maintenance treatments were carried out during the year

The total number of visits paid to premises by the Rodent Operatives for the purposes of search and of treatment—2594.

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